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APPLICANT: Lovell *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 09/328,120 GROUP NO.: 3761
FILING DATE: June 8, 1999 EXAMINER: Dawson, G.
TITLE: Nose Mask

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2001, in connection with the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of two perceived inventive concepts to which the claims must be restricted: claims 1-18 (Group I), drawn to a nasal mask and system, classified in class 128, subclass 207.13, and claims 19-24 (Group II), drawn to a seal for a mask, classified in class 128, subclass 207.13.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group II, namely, claims 19-24. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement because a search for publications relating to any one of Groups I or II would reveal publications relating to the other Group and thus would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by the present

Response. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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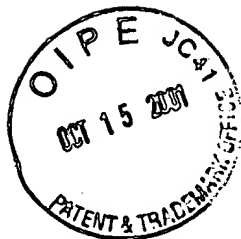
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